

Dear Jim,

6/21/74

~~Ex~~ As always, you say kind things and I appreciate them.

As always, I am too busy for a decent response. I am working on too many things and with self-imposed deadlines I'm getting up as early as 4 a.m. to try to keep up. And don't.

All I can do is address the parts of your letter of the 17th, which came by the mule-back branch of airmail today, that do require answer.

Before that, one thing that can help is any stories on the Ray case, even as I suppose your local papers would use, wire-service stories. They would have the southern regional wire service and that I do not see.

The Supreme Court decision may be less of a defeat than you think and seems apparent. I do not regard it as any kind of defeat. It attracted an extraordinary amount of ~~quite~~ quiet attention in some of the right places and the Senate has already passed an amendment to the law specifically to rewrite it back into its originally meaning and specifically to ~~in~~ nullify this decision and several others.

There are no surprises for me in the obscenity of the transcripts, the parts not deleted. You are perceptive in evaluating what the undisclosed must contain when this is his version of his selection to make him look least bad.

Cool it on Ray. We are making good progress. But remember, there is far to go and it will take long. This is only to decide if he is to have a trial. I can imagine a series of contrived appeals to delay after this decision, which should go against the State. It has taken five years to get this far. You are right on Cesar. He is great.

Meanwhile, you are doing as much as a young man can in preparing himself to do what any one man can to try to assure some justice for some people. I'm glad you have turned to the law. It and the country need lawyers of genuine concern for the country and for the rights of people and for the integrity of the law.

Drink in all you can for the day when you'll need it.

Thanks and best regards,